

## House Resolution No. 3031

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives were truly saddened by the death of Sergeant Brandon L. Wallace on April 14, 2007, while serving with the United States Army in Iraq; and

**Whereas**, twenty-seven years of age at the time of his death, Brandon Wallace was a resident of Festus, Missouri, who had served on active duty with the United States Army for three years in Germany and Kosovo before being activated from the Individual Ready Reserve for deployment to Iraq in May 2006; and

**Whereas**, Brandon Wallace graduated from Crystal City High School and the Saint Charles Police Academy and had planned on becoming a policeman in his hometown after the completion of his military service; and

**Whereas**, in addition to his military achievements, Brandon Wallace had developed an excellent reputation as an accomplished musician, chef, and photographer; and

**Whereas**, the first Jefferson County resident to die on active duty in Iraq, Sergeant Brandon Wallace will be given such posthumous local honors as having April 14th of each year named "Sergeant Brandon Wallace Remembrance Day" in his hometown, having the city's Fourth of July parade dedicated to his memory, and having a memorial sculpture created at Crystal City High School near the flagpole; and

**Whereas**, Sergeant Brandon Wallace earned numerous awards and citations as a soldier, including a Purple Heart, a Bronze Star, a Meritorious Service Award, a Good Conduct Medal, and the Combat Infantry Medal; and

**Whereas**, the late Brandon Wallace is survived by his parents, Rickey L. and Robin Wallace of Festus; siblings, Rachel Tucker of Gastonia, North Carolina, and Sarah Beth Wallace of Festus; brother-in-law, David Tucker; grandparents, Robert and Patti Baremore of Valles Mines, Missouri, Eva Phillips of Saint Charles, Missouri, and Cecil Clay and Phyllis Phillips of Mission, Kansas; and fiancé, Dawn Urbina of Macon, Georgia, and her son, Jayke Urbina:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to memorialize the life and work of Brandon Wallace and to convey this legislative body's most heartfelt condolences to his family members, colleagues, friends, and neighbors who now miss his considerable strength, warmth, humor, and light in their daily lives; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in memory of Sergeant Brandon L. Wallace of Festus, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Belinda Harris  
District No. 110

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Representative Ron Casey  
District No. 103

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3031, adopted May 2, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker